

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Currently Cancelled)

5. (Previously Cancelled)

6. (New) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner, comprising:
an exhaust channel for passage of an exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner;
at least one silencing board mounted in the exhaust channel for passage of the exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner, the at least one silencing board having a plurality of pores distributed throughout the silencing board; and
wherein a total passage area of the pores is less than half of a cross-sectional area of the exhaust channel.

7. (New) The silencer of claim 6, wherein the silencing board is mounted in an orientation perpendicular to a direction of the airflow passing through the exhaust channel.

8. (New) The silencer of claim 7, wherein a diameter of each of the plurality of pores is less than 6 mm.

9. (New) A vacuum cleaner silencer, comprising:
an exhaust channel for passage of an exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner;
a first silencing board mounted in the exhaust channel for passage of the exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner, the first silencing board having a plurality of round pores therein; and
a second silencing board mounted in the exhaust channel of the vacuum cleaner so as to be separated from and downstream of the first silencing board in a direction of the exhaust airflow, the second silencing board having a plurality of round pores therein.

10. (New) The vacuum cleaner silencer of claim 9, wherein the second silencing board is parallel to the first silencing board.